

*Seventh & Eighth
Sunday
in Ordinary Time*



February 23 & March 2, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS - FEBRUARY 22 TO MARCH 9

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Saturday	February 22	
4:30 pm	Yucca & Leonard Bocarro	D'Lima Family
Sunday	February 23	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Carmela Barbieri Di Marco	Sergio & Rosa Iacobacci
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	February 24	
8:30 am	In Thanksgiving for the Volunteers of our Parish	Heather and Julian Pereira
Tuesday	February 25	
8:30 am	Portia Angeles	Barbara Balduenza
Wednesday	February 26	
8:30 am	William Melville	Betty & Andy Quinn
Thursday	February 27	
8:30 am	Norma De Souza	St. Thomas à Becket Parish
Friday	February 28	
8:30 am	Sonia Mariana	The Braganza Family
Saturday	March 1	
4:30 pm	Carmela Barbieri Di Marco	Sergio & Rosa Iacobacci
Sunday	March 2	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Alf & Chris Kolodnicki	Rina & Family
Tuesday	March 4	
8:30 am	Elda Iannantuono	The Latkowski family
Wednesday	March 5	
8:30 am	For the souls of Dominador Sr. and Baldomera Ambayec	Ambayec Family
7:00 pm	Our Parishioners	
Thursday	March 6	
8:30 am	Camilla Di Tullio (L)	Anna Donald
Friday	March 7	
8:30 am	Anna Donald (L)	Maria G. Cabral
Saturday	March 8	
4:30 pm	Joseph, Edwina, Mark & Lisa Dias	The Family
Sunday	March 9	Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Maureen Gilmour	Carl and Fran Jorgensen
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

SANCTUARY LAMP

February 23: Donald & Kathleen Farell, requested by family

March 2: Alf & Chris Kolodnicki, requested by Rina & Family

March 9: Thiruvarulselvam, requested by his wife and children

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Feb 9: Offerings: \$4,261.20 Building Fund: \$1,580.00

Feb 16: Offerings: \$3,380.00

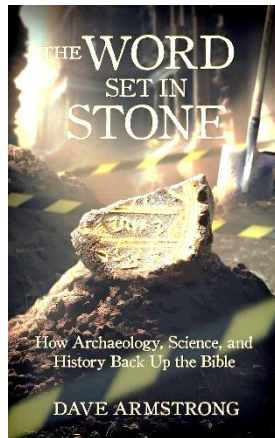
Upcoming Special Collections: March 5 – Ash Wednesday

March 9 – Helping Others

March 23 – Building Maintenance

WORTHWHILE READING

The Word Set in Stone, by Dave Armstrong



Anti-Christians have a lot of slick, smart-sounding attacks against the Faith, and their favorite target is the Bible. How can you really believe that Moses parted the Red Sea? they'll ask. What makes you think Abraham, Joseph, and King David were real people and not just fantastical characters? That's not what the experts say. And how can you take the Bible seriously when the Old Testament is filled with camels . . . way before camels even existed in Israel? Supernatural faith is a beautiful thing, and strong theology is indispensable, but wouldn't it be great if we could prove the Bible with hard science, too? In *The Word Set in Stone*, veteran apologist Dave Armstrong uses secular historiography and proven scientific disciplines such as archaeology, meteorology,

and even zoology and hydrology, to show that not only are some of the most fantastic-seeming episodes of the Bible possible, they are probable--even quite likely. From the Gospels to the Prophets all the way back to the Garden of Eden, you'll see that Scripture skeptics don't need a leap of faith to see that the Bible is one of the most historically reliable documents ever written. (And yes, that goes for the Red Sea, too.) Presenting rigorous scientific research and theory, yet written in a way that's accessible to the average reader, *The Word Set in Stone* levels the playing field between those anti-Christians who cling to a caricature of science and the amateur apologist in all of us. The truth of the Bible is not just a matter of faith; it's elementary.

Dave Armstrong is the author of fifty-one books: ten published by major Catholic publishers, with several bestsellers. He has defended Christianity as an apologist since 1981 and Catholicism in particular since 1990 (full-time since 2001). His blog, Biblical Evidence for Catholicism, went online in 1997 and contains more than 4,000 articles. Dave has been a regular columnist for National Catholic Register since 2016, and has additionally been published in Catholic Answers Magazine, The Catholic World Report, Catholic Herald, and several other well-known Catholic periodicals.

WORDS TO PONDER

Before going to bed, a nightly examen reflects on our actions throughout the day.



For all the blessings of the day, we give thanks. In the areas where we fell short of virtue and a true expression of freedom, we repent. A good nightly examen helps us to make progress in the spiritual life, making continual steps to follow Christ as he leads us into the love of the Father. (*Exodus 90*)

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA



We all know St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), the foundress of the Missionaries of Charity, who died more than 27 years ago and was canonized by Pope Francis in 2016. But what do the Sisters actually do? In the words of the current superior, Sister Mary Joseph: "Here in Calcutta we have two communities each made up of four sisters who go around the streets every day with packed food, clothes, to meet the poor where they are. Those who are very sick are taken to our homes to be cared for in their basic needs, such as being able to take a bath, have a change of clothes, a good meal or — if necessary

— hospitalization. We are opening a space for children who live on the street without being able to go to school. We will offer them a bath, change of clothes, a glass of milk, cookies, and teach them to draw and write. In Calcutta we have homes for the abandoned men and women we have picked up from the streets. We are looking for ways to rehabilitate these people. With the help of social workers we are trying to track down their families and reunite them if they accept it. In our homes we take care of children and adults with physical and mental problems. In many of our homes we have patients suffering from leprosy and tuberculosis who continue to be abandoned by their families because of this. Whether in India or abroad, our sisters regularly visit families, especially the elderly and shut-ins, those in prisons and hospitals, the most abandoned and lonely, bringing new hope to their lives. Immediate emergency aid to victims of various natural disasters has always been our priority.

St. Teresa's spirituality had three pillars: first, prayer, Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and mercy — were an integral part of Mother's spirituality from which everything else flowed. The second pillar was Mother's love for Mary, and for the Immaculate Heart of Mary in particular. Mary's pure heart and her docility to the will of God always remained a powerful inspiration to remain faithful to the mission of charity and service. The third pillar was free and whole-hearted loving service to the poorest of the poor. From the time Mother heard the voice of Jesus on her way to Darjeeling on 10th September 1946, 'Come, be my light,' until her death on Sept. 5, 1997, Mother Teresa remained faithful to this mission, not considering any sacrifice too great to satiate the thirst of Jesus on the cross, by being at the service of the poorest of the poor all over the world. A spark of love has now become a flame of charity everywhere! The spirituality of St. Teresa of Calcutta is beautifully summarized in the words of Mother herself: 'The fruit of silence is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service; the fruit of service is peace.' Outside India, too, we have homes where we care, both materially and spiritually, for the poorest of the poor, those most rejected by society, those living on the streets, alcoholics... Night shelters and soup kitchens are open for those most in need, alongside the night apostolate in which sisters bring food rations to those who would end their day hungry. Mother Teresa often reminded us that 'we cannot do great things, but only small things with great love.'

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025



Becket's CWL welcomes all to an ecumenical worship service on Friday, March 7, 10 -11:30 am in the parish hall, followed by potluck and fellowship. The World Day of Prayer is coordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

For more information please contact Wanda at 514-771-7000

PARISH INFORMATION

All telephone numbers are in the 514-area code unless otherwise indicated.

PARISH WARDENS

The Fabrique of the parish administers all parish properties and assets, and consists of the Pastor and six wardens elected by parishioners at an Annual General Meeting.

Siro Di Marco (2027)	977-6442	Cindy Finn (2027)	624-0546
Frank Vissani (2025)	998-0311	Robert Boulé (2026)	(438) 838-1902
Eric Chevrier (2026)	246-8525	Michael Randall (2025)	980-5015

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Guild	Anna Donald	620-2258
Altar Servers	Fr. Peter Sabbath	626-4111
Baptism Preparation Team	Parish Office	626-4111
Choir Director	Brendan Kelly	944-7220
Children's Choir	Kimberley Ricafort	827-4132
Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Head Sacristan	Anna Donald	620-2258
Lectors	Tobias Koikaran	693-5514
Liturgy Team	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Ushers	Joe Ojeda	941-7914

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Adult Faith Formation	Elsa Rivera	626-4111
Angels of Mercy	Sarah Sajedi	827-6408
Catholic Women's League	Marie Meier	965-9919
Community Aid	Parish Office	626-4111
Couples for Christ	Don & Irene Salvanera	620-1319
Helping Others:	Parish Office	626-4111
Knights of Columbus	Norm Cousineau	624-8753
Legion of Mary	Juliana Abu	585-9206
Marriage Course	John & Nathalie Bondyra	695-7896
Pastoral Home Care	Ailsa Lee Loy	626-7265
Prayer Line	Christine Charron	694-3958
Responsible Pastoral Ministry	Rina Callard	626-4111
Social Club	Rina Callard	695-6995
Youth Ministry	Amanda Davis	626-4111

RESOURCES AND SERVICES

A.A.	376-9230
Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics)	866-9803
Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services	931-7311
Diocesan Ombudsman – abuse/complaints	752-4683
Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine	931-7311
Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried?	344-2686
Spiritual Support Line	1-888-305-0994
Violence S.O.S. Hotline	1-800-363-9010
West Island Women's Shelter	620-4845

Anointing of the Sick: upon request at the parish office

Baptism: Please contact the office

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

R.C.I.A.: Fr. Peter Sabbath

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) before all Masses or by request.

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Gerry Westphal at 514-688-4952 or one of our priests

HALL RENTAL: Michael Randall 514-980-5015